WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Mangalore as SEZ

717. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include Mangalore as Special Economic Zone for the speedy economic and industrial development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) As per the policy, the Central Government does not propose to set up any new Special Economic Zones (SEZs). However, SEZs may be set up in the public, private, joint sectors or by the State Government. A proposal has recently been received through the Government of Karnataka for setting up of SEZ in coastal belt comprising of Baikampady (Mangalore). It has yet not been granted approval.

Ban on outsourcing services from India

718. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to persuade the U.S. Administration against the reported attempts by States like New Jersey and others in the U.S. to legislate a ban on outsourcing certain services from India, which is likely to adversely affect the IT and IT enabled services (ITES) industries in the country because of their sheer dependence on the U.S. market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, especially outcome of the recent meetings with the U.S. trade representatives in Washington, where this subject matter was also reported to have come up for discussion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Government is closely monitoring the progress of the various Bills introduced in some States of USA. A task force to be chaired by the Department of Information Technology and having representatives from

the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Commerce and Industry is being constituted by Department of Information Technology to protect India's interests in this matter. The Government has also involved the Indian industry in this effort. The issue has been raised at several forums including the recent meeting of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry with United States Trade Representative and India's concerns have been registered. None of the Bills in any of the US States have been passed so far.

Co-ordination between India and China for Doha Development Round of WTO

719. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and China would engage themselves in a coordinated manner on the issues of common interest in the ongoing negotiations of the Doha Development Round of WTO;

(b) if so, the issues/areas identified for this purpose; and

(c) how the 'anti-dumping' issue is proposed to be solved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE); (a) and (b) India and China have been working closely on various issues covered by the Doha Work Programme especially those issues of concern to developing countries. The issues include TRIPS and Public Health; implementation-related concerns with regard to the existing WTO Agreements; Special and Differential Treatment for Developing countries; Singapore issues and the developmental aspects in the ongoing market access negotiations for agricultural and non-agricultural products and services.

(c) Anti-dumping cases are normally initiated on the basis of fully documented petition filed by the domestic industry containing sufficient evidence in respect of alleged dumping, injury and causal link between the two. Designated Authority may also initiate *suo moto* investigations if it is so satisfied from the information, received from the Collector of Customs appointed under the Customs Act, 1962 or from any other source that sufficient evidence exist as to the existence of dumping,